

Announcement of a meeting to present and discuss preliminary milestones for Chesapeake Bay restoration and the state-wide Nonpoint Source (NPS) Management Plan.

PUBLIC MEETING LOCATION: Webcast to each DEQ Regional Office on Tuesday, February 25, 2014 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Office locations can be found at: <http://www.deq.virginia.gov/Locations.aspx> and include Abingdon, Harrisonburg, Glen Allen, Lynchburg, Roanoke, Virginia Beach, and Woodbridge.

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality is presenting details of a continuing effort to restore water quality, a public comment opportunity, and public meeting.

MEETING DESCRIPTION: Public meeting to present preliminary water quality improvement milestones and the NPS Management Plan update. The morning session will focus on Chesapeake Bay milestone development and the afternoon session will focus on NPS Management Plan development and milestones.

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT:

DEQ is aligning Bay Program and NPS Management Plan milestone development and planning efforts. Preliminary Programmatic Milestones for 2014-2015 are being developed. These may include anticipated regulatory actions, implementation of previously developed regulations, permitting actions, programmatic enhancements, new incentive programs, expanded resources/funding or any other actions that build capacity or drive implementation.

Updating the statewide NPS Management Plan is an EPA requirement and an opportunity to identify Virginia's priorities for management of nonpoint source pollution. The data collection effort for this plan revision was initiated in July 2013, gathering NPS program descriptions including: brief program overview, program coordination and partnerships, key initiatives and implementation activities, implementation or watershed priorities, and measures of success for the Commonwealth's nonpoint source pollution control

programs. The EPA NPS plan guidance also requires the development of explicit short and long-term goals, objectives and strategies for these programs to restore and protect surface and ground water.

HOW A DECISION IS MADE: After public comments have been considered and addressed, DEQ will submit the revised Chesapeake Bay milestones and NPS Plan milestones to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for approval.

HOW TO COMMENT: DEQ accepts written comments by e-mail, fax or postal mail. Written comments should include the name, address and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by DEQ during the comment period, February 25, 2014 to March 26, 2014. DEQ also accepts written comments submitted at the public meeting announced in this notice.

TO REVIEW FACT SHEETS: Reference documents are available on the milestones from the contacts below or on the DEQ web site at

Nonpoint Source Management Plan Preliminary Milestones:

<http://www.deq.virginia.gov/Programs/Water/WaterQualityInformationTMDLs/NonpointSourcePollutionManagement/NonpointSourceManagementPlan.aspx>

Chesapeake Bay Preliminary Milestones:

<http://www.deq.virginia.gov/Programs/Water/ChesapeakeBay/ChesapeakeBayWatershedImplementationPlan.aspx>

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